

But our fight is not over. We have a long way to go until women reach true wage equality, which is why we must support legislation like the Paycheck Fairness Act, which builds on previous efforts and continues to address wage disparities.

Lily's story is proof that progress can be made on this front, and just as importantly, she is a testament to how one person can create a lasting legacy of change.

Today, we celebrate Lily Ledbetter's courage by commemorating the anniversary of this essential legislation becoming law, and by remembering that in America, one person can make a difference.

CONGRATULATING NDSU BISON ON WINNING 2011 FCS CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. RICK BERG

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. BERG. Mr. Speaker, today I want to congratulate the North Dakota State Bison on an incredible football season that led to winning the 2011 FCS championship.

More than 10,000 Bison fans cheered on NDSU in Frisco, Texas, where the Bison capped off a 14–1 season and defeated the Sam Houston Bearkats in the championship game 17–6 on January 7, 2012.

The Bison, Coach Craig Bohl and his staff worked hard this season, and their determination resulted in NDSU's 9th football championship, and the first at the Division I level.

These student athletes represent NDSU's commitment to both academic and athletic excellence. Their character and perseverance truly exemplify the North Dakota spirit, and they have made our state proud. These young men will be remembered for a lifetime. Their efforts brought our state closer together, and we celebrate their athletic and academic successes.

Congratulations to the Bison players, coaches, NDSU staff, and Bison fans everywhere on an excellent season. You've made North Dakota proud!

Thank you, and Go Bison!

HONORING THE ARTESIA-CERRITOS LIONS CLUB 65TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Artesia-Cerritos Lions Club for their 65th anniversary. This is a remarkable milestone that deserves our recognition and praise.

For 65 years, the Artesia-Cerritos Lions Club has maintained the reputation of being a keystone in local communities due to their steadfast response of donations and services to residents in need. The Lions Club has been at the forefront of health and safety, offering their services to local public safety fairs and Relay for Life events. They have also organized support efforts for the needy by arrang-

ing food and toy drives. In addition, the Lions Club has been vital in building the morale and closeness of the community by hosting the Miss Artesia Royal Court Contest, the Miss Cerritos Scholarship Contest, Flag Day events, and annual Easter Egg Hunts.

The Artesia-Cerritos Lions Club has provided life changing services and opportunities for youth of Artesia and Cerritos. The Lions Club has provided eyeglasses for children in the ABC Unified School District, sponsored the annual track meet for all of the elementary schools in the school district, and have hosted a student speaker contest for local high schools. In addition, The Lions Club has been a sponsor of the Cerritos High School Leos Club, a youth volunteer group, which has inspired young people to assume leadership roles by giving them a chance to learn, grow, and serve by participating in community service projects.

The Artesia-Cerritos Lions Club, driven by their motto "We Serve", has been a model for organizing and empowering volunteers in Artesia and Cerritos to serve their community. The contributions and achievements of the Lions Club members are far too many to count, but the enrichment and sense of community they have created is something to be acknowledged. For that reason, I would like to recognize the Artesia-Cerritos Lions Club for 65 years of honorable deeds and good work.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary. It is a great pleasure to recognize the Board's long standing dedication to flood protection projects and flood management in the Central Valley. As Board members, staff and agency partners gather to celebrate this milestone, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the key role the organization plays in protecting millions of Californians from a potentially devastating flood.

The Central Valley Flood Protection Board was created by the California Legislature in 1911. The Board's role is to serve as a liaison between the State of California, local residents, property owners, cities and counties, and the United States government. The Board works closely with the Army Corps of Engineers to ensure that the Central Valley receives the highest level of flood protection possible, while addressing a number of financial, environmental, and engineering challenges.

Over the last century, the Board has maintained a wide variety of Central Valley flood protection systems and infrastructure along the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, and their tributaries. This encompasses 1,600 miles of levees, 107 million acres of land, and 1,300 miles of designated floodways. The Congressional District that I represent is home to the City of Sacramento, which sits at the confluence of the American and Sacramento

Rivers. It is without doubt that the Board's investment decisions have helped improve the safety for each of us that call Sacramento home.

In 2007, the California Legislature and the governor signed legislation that changed the name of the Central Valley Flood Protection and expanded the Board's responsibilities and authorities. The Board remains responsible to the citizens of California to ensure that the flood management system within the Central Valley meets the ever-mounting challenges of the 21st Century. This includes working with the Corps of Engineers on vegetation management and the California Department of Water Resources on a new Central Valley Flood Protection Plan.

The Board is led by Chair Benjamin Carter, who serves alongside Jane Dolan, Teri Rice, Francis "Butch" Hodgkins, Emma Suarez, John Brown and Michael Villines. The Board's Executive Officer is Jay Punia.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board and their continuous commitment to providing the Central Valley with ever-improving levels of flood protection. The Board has contributed immensely to the safety and vitality of California's Central Valley. As Board members and staff gather to celebrate their 100th anniversary, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their outstanding work in providing flood protection for the residents of the Central Valley.

SISTERS OF LORETTO CELEBRATE 200TH JUBILEE YEAR

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a truly American story of faith and service, a tradition that has served, educated, and upheld true values in my district of El Paso, Texas. During this Catholic Schools Week, I would like to congratulate the Sisters of Loretto celebrating their 200th Jubilee Year this April.

On April 25, 1812, three frontier women, Sisters Mary Rhodes, Nancy Havern and Christina Stuart, with the help of their Catholic pastor, the Rev. Charles Nerinckx, came together to found the Sisters of Loretto at the Foot of the Cross, on Hardin's Creek in central Kentucky, marking the beginning of a uniquely American community of faith and service. Motivated by faith and charity, they were soon joined by many others, taking as their purpose the instruction of girls and young women of every faith and economic means, even welcoming enslaved persons.

The Sisters of Loretto expanded the work of education westward, first by steamboat to Missouri and Louisiana, and then by wagon train to New Mexico, by mail-coach to Colorado, and by train to Texas, Arizona, and California, ultimately contributing to American education in more than 40 states. In the 20th century, they reached out to girls in Asia, South America, and Central America. Their members now serve throughout the United States, as well as in Europe, Guatemala, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Uganda, Ghana, and Pakistan.

In their 200 years of work, the Sisters of Loretto and their colleagues have founded

nearly 300 schools in the United States. The first Texas site of the Sisters of Loretto was established by Mother Praxedes in 1879 in El Paso County, and has educated thousands of El Paso and Juarez students through St. Joseph's Academy, Sacred Heart, St. Ignatius, Guardian Angel, Holy Family, Assumption, St. Mary's, St. Patrick's, Cathedral School, St. Joseph's School, and Loretto Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank all of the educators and administrators who continue this important legacy. Having reached nearly one million people, the Loretto Community of Sisters continues to educate and foster values of faith, justice, community, and respect in students at Loretto Academy, to teach adult education and GED classes, to work as chaplains at Nazareth Hall Nursing Center, and to run a homeless center for women at the Villa Maria Shelter.

MR. JOHN DELEO

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge John "Jack" DeLeo on his being named "UNICAN of the Year" by the Scranton Chapter of UNICO National.

Jack DeLeo was born in Scranton on December 8, 1947, to Angelo and Irene DeLeo. Jack graduated from West Scranton High School and entered the United States Army. He served his country in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 with the 1st Battalion, 8th Artillery, 25th Infantry Division, rising to the rank of sergeant. Jack's business career began in sales in the pressure-sensitive labeling industry. After several years, Jack was elevated to general manager of Scranton Label, Inc., until 1992, and is now the company's vice president.

An active member of St. Lucy's Church, West Scranton, Jack is a member of the Holy Name Society and has served as its vice president since 1992. Jack is also active in many community activities and events in the region. He serves the City of Scranton as a member of the Board of Directors on the Parks and Recreation Authority, where he has worked diligently to clean and enhance the beauty and the awareness of Nay Aug Park. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross, Scranton Chapter, where he chairs the Blood Services Committee and several blood drives throughout the year. Jack serves on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army in Scranton and the Tripps Park Girls Pony League, and he was an assistant coach from 2000 to 2004. Jack served as president of the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County in 2002, and is now on its Board of Directors. He was the force in the creation of the Paul Bordi Memorial Scholarship Fund, which serves high school seniors throughout Lackawanna County.

He is an active member of the Scranton Chapter of UNICO National, the largest chapter in the country. He has been extremely active in chapter causes and chaired many fund-raising events. He served as president in 2007-08 and presently serves as the chairman of the Board of Directors. Jack has al-

ways had a passion for the care and well-being of United States veterans. He helped create the UNICO Veteran's Assistance Community (UVAC) Fund. He is now chairman of this fund, which accepts donations from individuals and donates to area veterans wounded in recent years.

He and his wife, Patty, have been married for 21 years and are the proud parents of two daughters: Brittany, a sophomore at Scranton Prep, and Tia, a fifth-grade student at All Saints Academy in Scranton.

UNICO was founded on October 10, 1922, in Waterbury, Connecticut. A group of 15 men, led by Dr. Anthony P. Vastola, came together to create an Italian-American service organization to engage in charitable works, support higher education, and perform patriotic deeds. The name "UNICO" was selected as best representing the nature and the character of this fledgling organization. The name is the Italian word for "unique, one of a kind." The founders believed that UNICO would be the only one of its kind because it placed service to the community before and above fraternity. In later years, UNICO became an acronym that stands for "Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity, and Opportunity."

Mr. Speaker, Jack DeLeo espouses the values of community that Dr. Vastola dreamed of when he helped found UNICO. Mr. DeLeo's steadfast dedication to his Italian-American heritage, community, and country is what makes organizations like UNICO a pillar in our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and congratulating John "Jack" DeLeo for being named "UNICAN of the Year" by the Scranton Chapter of UNICO National.

RECOGNIZING THE TENAHA TIGERS FOR WINNING THE TEXAS 1A DIVISION II FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is with enormous pride that I recognize and congratulate the Tenaha Tigers on an amazing 2011 football season in which they captured the Texas State Class 1A Division II Football Championship. These ferocious Tenaha Tigers have reached the pinnacle of success in Texas football for the second time in the last 15 years, having achieved that great title back in 1998.

A series of victories in which the Tigers crushed their opponents led them into the playoffs, where they demonstrated just how powerful they were as a team, playing as one well-tuned machine. The final game saw the Tenaha Tigers ultimately defeat the Munday Moguls 52-28. Although both Munday and Tenaha showed why they were in the finals during the first half, the Tigers pulled ahead in the second half scoring 21 points with little response from the Moguls.

The Tigers strong offensive and defensive lines dominated other teams exhibiting the result of grueling strength and endurance programs that showed how driven the Tigers were individually to excel. Clearly a team does

not get to such a level of excellence without a coaching staff that knows its players, what they can accomplish and just how far they can be pushed.

The proof of their preparation and drive to be the best can be found in a number of statistics including the fact that the Tigers consistently maintained a 37.6 point lead over their opponents. Additionally, the defensive line often refused to allow its opposition to score a single touchdown.

There is no doubt that each of the individual players, coaches, and supporting personnel involved with the success of the Tigers will benefit from having witnessed the level of success that is achieved when each individual gives all they have while working together with such dedication and passion.

This tribute goes out to all of the athletic staff including Athletic Director/Head Football Coach Terry Ward and his Assistant Coaches Ian White, Mike Barber, Kevin Cates, Scott Tyner, Todd Bodden and Antonio Holmes.

The team members achieving this memorable accomplishment included T.J. Thomas, Reginald Davis, Demon Horton, Vincent Walton, Edgar Flores, Jacoby Ivy, Shaquille Mitchell, J.R. Hill, Octavius Griffith, Chavis Gregory, Keontas Davis, Damarcus Perry, Jaquarius Williams, Cobe Carraway, Seth Wyatt, Brady Tovar, Assuntay Cleaver, Jose Campos, Marquavius Reed, Alex Horton, JaKelvin Cooper, Izikel Flores, Damien Reese, DeAaron Roland, Derek Jones, LaDarren Cooks, Edgar Pineda, Cody Richardson, Aaron Harris, Leon Aguilar, Donald Smith, Dustin Davis, and Tim Hafford.

No football team ever becomes a champion without unwavering support, and that is exactly what the Tigers had from the Tenaha Independent School District staff and the entire community. That is why congratulations go to all who contributed in any way to the success of the Tigers in for the 2011 season. May God continue to bless all of their efforts both in school and as they one day finish high school and use that same drive and determination to make this country even stronger. Congratulations go to the State Champion Tenaha Tigers, as their legacy is now recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Talon M. Falconer for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Talon has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.